

Dear Commissioners:

I am submitting my comments in response to the Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and therefore is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large corporations, such as Sinclair control the airwaves, viewers get what's good for the bottom line and a "one size fits all" philosophy that has little local focus. This is particularly dangerous when a corporation like Sinclair has a political bias--and contaminates the airwaves without any concern for fairness and balance.

Sinclair's actions show why there is a need to strengthen media ownership rules, rather than weaken them as has been the case in the past few years. It demonstrates why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. A democracy thrives on good information and the consolidation of America's media outlets will prevent that from happening. Thank you.